

BRYAN SWAMPED WITH REQUESTS FOR PRESENCE

Many Cities Ask for Com-
moner for at Least One
Day of His Tour.

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Thanks Farmers Who Contribute
to Campaign Fund and Re-

ceives "the Original Big Stick" from Toilers of Soil of Otoe County.

FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, NEB., August 13.—Invitations to visit various parts of the country and deliver speeches to-day came thick and fast on William Jennings Bryan. California's request for a visit again was pressed upon him by Charles Edelman, of San Francisco with the result that the Democratic candidate is giving the matter serious consideration.

Readville, Mass., wants him there on August 25th to witness the trotting derby, the first event of the ten-day events. As Mr. Bryan on that day will be at Indianapolis, he was compelled to decline.

Through Henry C. Clayton and R. H. Walker, Montgomery, Ala., expressed its desire for his presence on August 19th. Mr. Bryan expressed a desire to go South.

He said that he always had been cordially received there, and was greatly indebted to the Southern people for their uniform support and kindness, but that the campaign was too young

at this time for him to make any definite announcement as to his engagements on that date. He hoped that after conference with the local committee he would be able to go to Montgomery and possibly some other points in the Southern States in response to numerous invitations.

Sure of the Votes.

"I am glad to say," Mr. Bryan remarked, "that all these invitations assure me that I will receive the electoral vote of South Carolina, but of all other Southern States."

An incident of the day was the presentation to Mr. Bryan by several farmers from Gtoe county, Neb., of "big stick" gourd, grown in the State. It is about five feet in length, and easily might be taken for the original of the "big stick" which has been so generally caricatured. It bore the inscription: "All's Big Stick," and

In large black letters. Mr. Bryan, although expressing his thanks for the gift, declared that if elected to the presidency the "big stick" would not be wielded, rather relying on his ability to lead people through their love than to control them through their fears.

The "Big Stick."

"The gourd which you present certainly looks very much like the 'big stick,' as we have seen it caricatured," said Mr. Bryan, "and I think that the gourd is a fitting emblem to represent Republican policies, for the 'big stick

which has been so loudly praised, has not accomplished a great deal in the way of actual legislation. The Republican leaders have so steadfastly opposed reform that the 'big stick' has been quite empty—as empty as the gourd—in actual results.

"Then, too, the gourd may fitly symbolize the hollowness of Republican promises and the fact that Republican policies have nothing in them good to the farmer. I shall be glad to accept the 'big stick' gourd, al-

though if the Democratic party win the 'big stick' will not be in evidence. The Democratic idea is not coercion by force, but a justice that will appeal to the hearts of men, for it is easier to lead people through their love than control them through their fears.

Campaign Funds.

"I have been informed that on the way to Lincoln a collection was taken up on the train, and that fifty farmers gave \$1 apiece to our campaign funds. I want to thank them for this manifestation of their interest in our cause."

In 1896 the free excursion was one of the features of the Republican campaign. It is significant that you not only pay your fare to attend this notification meeting, but in addition make

"One of the chief reasons for the delay of reform has been that a few great corporations have been supplying the party with its campaign fund and then, after the campaign had ended, the campaign funds are coming from the people and the people will control the administration in case of Democratic victory. It marks the beginning of a new era in politics, an era in which the government will really belong to the people and be accountable to the people for their own protection and for the advancement of the public welfare."

Notwithstanding that a great number of hold-over visitors to the nation

Mr. Isaac Reese, of Tennessee, recently appointed a member of the financial committee by Chairman Mack who had been in attendance on the notification, talked with Mr. Bryan this morning. He left later for Chicago.

cago to confer with the national committee in regard to the collection of campaign contributions in the southern Mississippi Valley. Mr. Reese wears a button bearing a picture of Mr. Bryan. Above the picture are the words: "I gave my dollar," and below it: "Did you?"

Before leaving he declared that the South was with the West in the support of the Democratic platform.

"Unless we can have a return to the rule of the people," he declared, "we

Mr. Reese said he was very much interested in the matter of campaign